

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The West Bank Athletic Club is a non-profit organization whose mission is to

provide the youth of the Cedar Riverside neighborhood and the Twin Cities area with quality, year-round, skill-based soccer training and sports programs for

players age 5 to 18; and

WHEREAS: The West Bank Athletic Club's vision is to support and coach youth to be soccer

players, athletes, leaders, and community members of distinction; and

WHEREAS: The West Bank Athletic Club aspires to represent the community of the West

Bank in a positive way; and

WHEREAS: Through cooperation with parents, teachers, and youth organizations, the West

Bank Athletic Club employs a holistic approach, assisting youth in developing an understanding of leadership, teamwork, self-discipline, responsibility, high standards of fair play, and respect for others through sports—primarily soccer;

and

WHEREAS: The West Bank Athletic Club is hosting Somali-American Festival Week, an

international soccer tournament featuring 14 teams age 16-26 and youth teams ages 10-11 from across Minnesota, the United States, and Canada who will compete in a week-long competition at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 8-16, 2016, as:

SOMALI-ÁMERICAN FESTIVAL WEEK

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8th day of July.

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE